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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The seventieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chair of the Committee.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the first substantive item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its sixty-ninth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its seventieth session.

3. Report of the Chair on activities undertaken between the sixty-ninth and seventieth sessions of the Committee

The Chair will provide a briefing to the Committee on activities and events having occurred since the previous session that had a bearing on the work of the Committee.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/70/1)

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and on the progress made in that respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and, further, whenever the Committee so requests.

The reports of the following States parties are scheduled to be considered at the seventieth session of the Committee: Australia, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Liechtenstein (under the simplified reporting procedure), Mexico, New Zealand, State of Palestine and Turkmenistan.

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of that State party is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the report.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also regularly provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention, as well as a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

A pre-sessional working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare lists of issues and questions relating to reports for transmission to States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-sessional working group for the seventieth session met in Geneva from 20 to 24 November 2017. The report of the pre-sessional working group (CEDAW/C/PSWG/70/1) and the replies of States parties to the lists of issues and questions will be before the Committee.

Documentation

Reports

Eighth periodic report of Australia (CEDAW/C/AUS/8)

Combined second and third periodic reports of the Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/2-3)

Eighth periodic report of Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/8)

Fifth periodic report of Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/5; submitted under the simplified reporting procedure)

Ninth periodic report of Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/9)

Eighth periodic report of New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/8)

Initial report of the State of Palestine (CEDAW/C/PSE/1)

Fifth periodic report of Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/5)

Lists of issues and questions

Australia (CEDAW/C/AUS/Q/8)

Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/Q/2-3)

Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/Q/8)

Liechtenstein (CEDAW/C/LIE/QPR/5)

Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/Q/9)

New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/Q/8)

State of Palestine (CEDAW/C/PSE/Q/1)

Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/Q/5)

Replies to the lists of issues and questions

Australia (CEDAW/C/AUS/Q/8/Add.1)

Cook Islands (CEDAW/C/COK/Q/2-3/Add.1)

Cyprus (CEDAW/C/CYP/Q/8/Add.1)

Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/Q/9/Add.1)

New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/Q/8/Add.1)

State of Palestine (CEDAW/C/PSE/Q/1/Add.1)

Turkmenistan (CEDAW/C/TKM/Q/5/Add.1)

5. Follow-up to the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention

The Committee will discuss matters relating to follow-up to concluding observations.

6. Implementation of articles 21 and 22 of the Convention

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and general

recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee to the General Assembly, together with comments, if any, from States parties.

Article 22 of the Convention provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention that fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas.

Documentation

Reports provided by the specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities

7. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

The Committee will discuss matters relating to its methods of work.

8. Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention

The forty-first session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol will be held from 27 to 29 June 2018 in Geneva.

The tenth session of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol will be held on 28 and 29 June 2018 in Geneva.

At its seventieth session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

9. Provisional agenda for the seventy-first session of the Committee

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-first session (CEDAW/C/71/1)

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventieth session